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Applicant(s): Waltherus J.W. van Venrooij, et al.

Serial No. 09/308,150

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For: PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN
RECOGNIZED BY AUTOANTIBODIES FROM
PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS,
ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST SAID PEPTIDE,
A COMBINATORIAL ANTIGEN, AND A METHOD
OF DETECTING AUTOIMMUNE ANTIBODIES

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant(s) herewith petition(s) that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2001, be extended for two month(s), to and including July 2, 2001, the first business day following June 30, 2001. The appropriate small entity fee for this extension accompanies this Petition. Small entity status is declared under 37 CFR § 1.27.

For the Commissioner's convenience this Petition is submitted in duplicate. If any additional fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 2, 2001

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